

22. A method according to claim 19 wherein the atmosphere contains nitrogen at 75 volume% or more and argon at 25 volume% or less.--

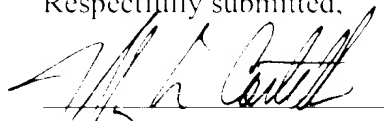
**REMARKS**

This application is being amended to add new claims 2-22 as noted above to more completely set forth the scope of the invention.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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